## FINANCIAL AND COMMERCIAL.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27—6 P. M.

The stock market was dull and unsettled to-day till
sto in the afternoon, when it became firm and a general
ractional advance of prices took place. At the early ssion of the open board Eric sold at 95%, New York ntral 95%, Reading 106%, Michigan Southern 74, oveland and Pittsburg 82%, Northwestern 35, preferred Rock Island 106%, Fort Wayne 105, Mari-14%, preferred 19%. At the first regular board transactions were moderately large, but mainy on sellers' and buyers' options. Eric closed % sigher than at the half-past two board yesterday, forthwestern %. Rock Island, Fort Wayne and micksilver were steady. New York Central was % ower, Reading %, Michigan Southern %, Cleveland and ourg %, Northwestern preferred %, and Ohlo and dississippi certificates &. Street railroad stocks were inquired for. There was a sale of Sixth Avenue Railroad ak at 135, and 68 was bid for Second Avenue, but none was offered under 75. Government securities were

quiet, but firm. Coupon five twenties of the old issue were is higher. Seven-thirty notes were steady.

At the one o'clock session the market touched its lowest point, quotations being a fraction below those of the morning. At the regular board at half-past two work the market developed an improving ten-y. Eric closed & higher than at the board, Michigan Southern & Cleveland Pittsburg &, Cumberland I. Reading, Fort Wayne and plickshory 24, Cumbershoth 1. Northwestern was heavy, abowing a decline of 34; preferred 34. Government securation were strong. Coupon dve-twenties of the old mane closed 34 higher, third issue 34, seven-thirty notes

of the first series 1/2, second series 1/4.

At the half-past three board the general market was tronger and prices underwent a further fractional improvoment. New York. Control closed on the call at 95%, Eris 95%, Michigan Southern 74%, Cleveland and Pittsburg 82%, Cleveland and Toledo 111%, Northwestern 35, preferred 61%, Fort Wayne 105%, Ohio and Mississippi certificates 28%, Canton Company 45%, Schuylkill Coal 14%.

Afterwards, on the street, there was an increased demand for stocks, and especially Cleveland and Pittsburg, which at half-past five o'clock was quoted at 83% a 83%. The supply of money was largely in excess of the demand on the Stock Exchange, and very few call loans of

mand on the Stock Exchange, and very tew call loans of importance were made above six per cent. The discount line is reported to be working easier at 7 a 9 per cent for first class paper. Lenders are anticipating a more active demand from the street, which will restore the rate for money at call to seven per cent again, and this ex-pectation will probably not be disappointed, at least so far as concerns a brisker inquiry. The stock market has been in a state of semi-stagnation for the last week, and there will probably be no important movements to disturb the dulness of affairs during the remainder of the year; but a gradual improvement of prices seems likely to be experienced meanwhile from the temporary depression of yesterday and to-day. The present holders of stocks are for the most part willing and able to hold them against all the attacks of the bears until the tide of speculation floats them to a higher level.

The gold market was steady and duff, while loans were

generally made flat. The opening quotation was 145%, followed by a rise of % and a relapse to 145%, at which it remained all the afternoon.

Foreign exchange was inactive, and bankers' bills at

Foreign exchange was inactive, and bankers' bills at sixty days were quoted at 100% a %. The news of the advance in cotton and the upward tendency of the market at Liverpool, brought by the City of Washington, induced importers to defer purchases of bills, under the impression that the strength of the cotton market abroad will stimulate shipments of the staple and increase the supply of exchange accordingly. The shipments may be stimulated to some little extent by the advance in England; but there are speculators on this side who will be indisposed to ship largely so long as the prospect favors a still higher market. Importers are, proverbially, always waiting for a lower market for ex-

change, however low it may actually be.

American securities were reported lower in London on the 17th inst. than when the Cuba salled—namely:—fivetwenties, ½; Eric, 1; Illinois Central, 1½.

Petroleum stocks were rather duil. At the first board

Pithole Creek closed 55c, lower than at the same time yesterday, selling at \$14 20; Bennehoff Run was 20c. higher, selling at \$16 55; Ham McClintock 25c., selling at \$6 50; United States 60c., selling at \$27 40; Palmer Petroleum sold at \$2 80, New York and Newark 30c., Vest Virginia Coal and Oil 18c., Buchanan Farm 77c., Bradley 53c., Empire City 59c., First National 47c., Oceanic 43c., Webster \$1, Consolidated Gregory Gold \$10 85, Gunnell Gold \$1 07, lale Royal \$15, New York Gold 90c., Wallkill \$1 80.

The Comptroller of the Currency has issued a circular

varuing the national banks to keep a reserve of legal tender notes, according to law, which it is well understood many of them baye not done. The following hould be protected by a lawful money reserve:-First-National bank notes in circulation.

Second—State bank notes in circulation.

Third—Individual and United States deposits.

First—Specie.

Second—All United States legal tender issues, including the interest-bearing legal tender notes.

Third—Balances in approved associations, in cities asmed in section thirty-one, due to banks not located in said cities, to the extent of three-fifths of the required

said cities, to the extent of three-fifths of the required reserve of fifteen per cent.

Fourth—Balances in approved associations in New York, due to associations in any of the cities named in section thirty-one, to the extent of fifty per cent of the required reserve of twenty-five per cent.

Fifth—Clearing house certificates under section thirty-one of the act.

Sixth—Balances due from the Treasurer or any assistant treasurer of the United States, payable on demand. It is necessary that the reserve authorized to be kept in ustional banks should be in banks selected and approved as redeeming agents. proved as redeeming agents.

Mr. George E. Gray, late Chief Engineer of the New York Central Railroad, has been appointed Consulting Engineer of the Central Pacific Railroad of California.

The New York exports, exclusive of specie, for the week ending December 25 and since the beginning of the

1863. 1864. 1865.
For the week... \$3,424,351 \$1,610,706 \$3,076,073
Prev. reported... 165,900,456 211,080,319 176,683,621 Since Jan. 1...\$169,324,807 \$212,680,025 \$179,759,594

The New York imports compare as follows:—
1863.

Dry goods..... \$1,512,545 \$433,780 \$:
General mides... 2,918,434 1,736,300 \$3,304,907 3,158,611 Tot. for week. \$4,428,979 \$2,172,170 \$6,463,518
Prev. reported... 177,085,712 201,312,988 205,616,611

Since Jan. 1...\$181,514,691 \$203,485,128 \$212,080,149 The following dividends and interest on coupons are announced for payment:—Farmers and Citizens' Na Bank, of Brooklyn, special, 3% per cent; Fire National Bank of Yonkers, semi-annual, 5 per cent, free; January coupons Jersey City Water loan bonds; January coupons on bonds of Belmont county, Muskingum county, and City of Zanesville, Ohio; coupons on Min-

nesota State 8 per cents.

The following figures show the stocks of cotton on hand at the principal United States seaports at the time of the latest advices:--

Total......264,225

above ports aggregate about thirty thousand bales, valued at about five millions of dollars. Over one-half

The following table shows the balances and clearings at the Clearing House in Chicago for the week ending

| December 23:- | Clearings.             | Balances.            |
|---------------|------------------------|----------------------|
|               | 1,103,048              | \$173,386            |
| December 19   | 811,222                | 121,200              |
| December 20   | 915,289<br>785,255     | 161,295<br>104,311   |
| December 22   | 969,024<br>892,653     | 178,502<br>153,992   |
| Total         | 5,476,493<br>5,914,378 | \$892,597<br>876,619 |

the 1st of December, 1864, the following amount of these

—And that from December 1, 1864, to November 30, 1866, twelve months, there was an additional amount of \$566,887 issued, making a grand total of \$23,340,242, which are now on the market, with very little more value than what is beato wed upon them by stock jobbers as a pet "fancy." By the showing of the report the issue is at the rate of over half a million a year, at a depociation of sixty per cent, which of itself seems evidence sufficient to warrant the belief that there i something unsound in that department of the company's

The following comparative statement shows the ave rage condition of the leading items of the Philadelphia banks for the past and previous weeks:—

Dec. 25. \$46,650,301 898,565 16,656,740 84,117,492 7,169,293 
 Dec.
 18.

 \$45,598,993
 Spacie.

 \$937,333
 Legal tenders.

 \$16,557,991
 Deposits.

 \$4,272,561
 Circulation.

 \$7,141,389

The following shows the business of the Philadelphia Clearing House for the week preceding Monday, Decem

\$6,196,460 . 6,219,217 . 5,026,567 . 6,129,148

| New York Ste  | DECEMBER 27, 1865.                                   |
|---|--|
| FIRST SESSION                                       |  |
| \$2500 U. S. 6's,'81,c. 10736                       | 300shsNYCenRR.b10 951/4                              |
| 4500 US6's,5-20,c'62 10336                          | 200 do830 95   |
| 2000 US6's,5-20,c'64 100%                           | 500 do2d call 95                                     |
| 35000 US6's,5-20,c,'65 100%                         | 200 Erie RR 95                                       |
| 500 U S 5's, 10-40 c 92%                            | 600 do83 94%   |
| 25000 do 92%  | 100 do. 83. 2dcall 94%                               |
| 800 Tn 73-10,1st s 8 98                             | 200 do 95  |
| 14000 do 98%  | 50 Erie RR pref 85%                                  |
| 14000 do, 2d series 91%                             | 100 Hud Riv RR s15 108                               |
| 20000 do 98   | 10 Sixth Av RR 135                                   |
| 35000 do2d call 97%                                 | 6 Mich Central RR. 10814                             |
| 20000 do.3d series 98                               | 2000 Mich Soan IRR 74                                |
| 20000 US6's, lyrc.niss 98<br>20000 Tenn 6's, '90 90 | 800 do830 7314                                       |
| 6000 Virginia 6 s 70                                | 500 do830 7314<br>200 Reading RR 10634               |
| 10000 do 2d call 71                                 | 500 do 106%  |
| 2000 N Carolina 6's. 85%                            | 1600 do 108%   |
| 5000 Missouri 6's 78                                | 500 do830 10834                                      |
| 5000 do2d call 78                                   | 000 de 1001  |
| 2000 Ohio 6's, 1875. 90                             | 400 do2d call 1061/2                                 |
| 20000 Ohio & Miss cer 28%                           | 100 III Central RR 132                               |
| 10000 do2d call 28%                                 | 100 do800 131  |
| 2000 Hud Riv 1st m 102                              | 2300 Clov& Pitts RR. 8234                            |
| 2000Chi&NWc c't7's 80                               | 400 do \$30 82                                       |
| 100 shs Central NaBk 106                            | 1800 dos60 80  |
| 50 Fourth Na Bk 100                                 | 1000 do2d call 82                                    |
| 50 American Ex Bk 108%                              | 700 Chi & N W RR 35 1/4                              |
| 20 Cum Coal pref 48                                 | 100 dob10 35%  |
| 250 Quicksilver MgCo 44                             | 600 do 2d call 35%                                   |
| 25 West Union Tel. 5114                             | 500 do830 35   |
| 30 do 51%   | 20 Ch & NW RR prf 61                                 |
| 14 do 51<br>100 Ashb Coal Co.b30 16                 | 700 do2d call 61%                                    |
| 500 SchuylCoalCo.s10 1334                           | 706 do2d call 61%<br>300 Chi & Rk Isl RR 108%        |
| 100BrunsCityLand Co 8                               | 500 dob10 106%                                       |
| 100 do 7%   | 300 do. 2call #60 105 %                              |
| 100 Lehigh & Sus Co. 834                            | 50 N J Central RR. 120                               |
| 100 do 8  | 20 Morr & Essex RR 100                               |
| 200 do 734  | 100 do 99  |
| 100 AtlanticMailSsco 132                            | 60 do 9914   |
| 200 do 1311/4                                       | 100 Mil & P duCh RR 95                               |
| 100 do 131  | 60 P, Ft W & Ch RR 105%                              |
| 50 Del & Hud Canal 144                              | 200 do 105   |
| 100 N Y Cen RR 815 95                               | 100 do b30 10532                                     |
| 18 do 95%   | 120 Chi, Bur & Qy RR 114                             |
| 400 do860 9434                                      | 100 Alt&TH RR prf.c 70                               |
| 100 dob30 953                                       | 50 Chi & Alt RR 104                                  |
| 100 do 95%  |  |
| 100 do 9514   | 100 H & St Jo RR prf 50                              |
|   |  |
| SECOND SESS   | SION-1 P. M.   |
| \$2000 US6 85-20c, 62 103%                          | 800 shs Reading RR. 106%<br>400 Pitt, FtW&Ch:RR 104% |
| 1000 ( 5 0 8 10 40 6 92%                            | 400 Fitt. Ptwaconing 104%                            |

# CITY COMMERCIAL REPORT.

WEDNESDAY, Dec. 27-6 P. M Asurs. - Receipts, 180 packages. The market was dull

BREADSTEPS.—Receipts, 1,639 bbls. flour, 82 do. and
487 bags corn meal, 440 bushels corn, 1,560 do. oats. The
market for State and Western flour was more active, and prices for the inferior to medium qualities changed 5c. s prices for the inferior to medium qualities changed 5c. a 10c. in seller's favor; other grades were without notice able alteration. The sales were about 10,000 bbls, the market closing steady at our revised quotations subjoined. Southern flour was in fair demand and somewhat firmer. The sales were 500 bbls. Canada flour was moderately active, and prices advanced 5c. a 10c. per bbl., mainly on the lower brands. The sales were about 356 bbls. Ryc flour was in better demand and rather more steady. Corn meal continued dull and heavy. We note sales of 150 bbls. Brandywine at 34 65. We quote;—

if anything, under an improved demand. The sales were 800 peckages at 16c a 20c., the latter an extreme price for small lots choice kettle rendered. Also 1,500 packages for January and Pebruary, salier's option, at 18c a 18½c. Butter and cheese were dull and heavy, but prices were without change—the latter selling in small quantities at 13½c. a 19c.

Personeus continued inactive, but prices were without quotable alteration. The sales were at 41c. a 41½c. for crude; 63c. a 64c. for refined, in bond, and 52c. a 44c. for do. free.

Rev was inactive, but steady in prices. We quote Rangeon, in bond, 4c. to 4½c. gold, and do., free, 9½c. a 10½c. currency. Small sales Carolina 13c. a 13½c.

Sudar was dull and drooping. The sales were confined to 41 hels. Cuba muscovado, at 11½c. a 14c. Refined was dull and heavy. We quote standard hards 13½c.

a 11%c.

Tatrow was more active. We note sales of 120,000 lb., at 13%c. a 14%c.

Wassaw.—Receipts, none. The market continued dull and heavy, with trilling sales at \$2 28.

### THE STRONG DIVORCE CASE.

Conclusion of the Address for the Defence—Commencement of the Summing Up for the Plaintiff. SUPERIOR COURT—TRIAL TERM.

Before Judge Garvin.
At the opening of the court yesterday there was as crowded an attendance as ever, and among the spectators for a short time were Judges McCunn and Barbour,

The company of the control protects of the control pro

duction of that window in court, that it was painted. It was a great saying of an old philosopher that he never wanted anybody to prove a person guilty of falsehood when he could do it out of the person's own mouth. This Mrs. Hillicker had been proved to be a common prostitute, the immate of houses of ill fame, at one time in the lying-in department of Bellevue Hoepital, and the mother of a child about whose existence nothing has ever since been heard. This was the woman produced to break down the testimony of honest Mary Smith and Arthur Jones the detective. In conclusion the counsel appealed to the jury on behalf of the wife and her children. If she had sinned, had she not been fearfully punished? Driven from her home, hurled from her high station, doprived of one of her children, was the not an object of pity? If a vertice were rendered against her, would not a lasting stigma and shame be branded upon her children, and their future life be one of misery and disgrace?

It was nearly two o'clock when the counsel concluded, and a receas of fifteen minutes was taken.

MR. CRAM SUMMING UP FOR THE PLAINTIPF.

At its expiration Mr. Cram opened his argument in behalf of the plaintiff, by submitting to the Judge a sories of law points, which he requested the Court to incorporate it his charge to the jury. He then turned to the jury and after thanking them for their attention, and urging the necessity of an impartial consideration of the case, he begged that at least for the sake of avoiding the scandal of another public exposure, they would not disagree in their verdict. Whatever verdict they might render could not change the relations of the plaintiff and defendant. The crime of the defendant was such that, though it might be forgiven in a Christian spirit, it must keep the housend and wife forevermore as far asunder as the poles. The question of who was responsible for the public trial had been much dwelt upon by his opponent. He (the counsel) would any, in answer, that the defendant Tamily hone, had a fight of the

Board of Education.

The Board of Education met last evening, Commis sioner McLean presiding.

The annual reports of the inspectors were received and placed on file. They contained nothing of interest, and the only one read was that of Hosea B. Perkins, of the

Seventh district.

The Finance Committee reported that the am pended during the current year in excess of the amount set apart for special appropriations to be \$228,640 88.

The Committee on Elections and Qualifications reported in favor of confirming the nomination of Andrew J.

Oliver for Inspector of the First district. The report was adopted.

adopted.
A vote of thanks was given to President McLean, the President, and Mr. Bosse, the clerk, and the Board of Education for 1865 adjourned for the last time. Court Calendar-This Day. SUPREME COURT—Notice.—The various branches of this ourt for January next will open on Tucsday, January 2.

Jurors summoned for the circuit will attend on that day at ten o'clock A. M.  Trinis at Police Hendquarters.
QUESTION OF VERACITY PROM THE SEVENTH—
A CITIZEN KNOCKED DOWN POR PUFFING CIGAR
SHOKE IN AN OFFICER'S FACE—A BURGLARY ON
ENOADWAY—A GOOD CASE PROM THE NINE-

TRENTH, ETC.
About one hundred cases were before the Board of About one hundred cases were before the Board of Police Commissioners yesterday, eighty-six of which were for violation of discipline regulations, the remaining fourteen being the only ones in which citizens were concerned, and many of these being of a trivial character. Citizen Charles Pierce, a boatman, of 302 Front street, appeared as complainant against officer Kellum, of the seventh precinct, charging that he bought a lot of fron, about afteen hundredweight, off a vessel, and that officer Kellum took the same in charge, it being supposed atolen; that the officer wanted \$15 of him to allow him atolen; that the offloer wanted \$15 of him to allow him to take the iron back again, but that he could not afford to give him but \$13; that he paid \$13, it being intimated to him that ten dollars of the amount was for Captain Jamieson. The matter coming to Captain Jamieson. The matter coming to Captain Jamieson's notice he ordered complaint to be made before the Commissioners. Officer Kollum gave a very different version of the affair, stating that Pierce attempted to bribe him while he was looking up the ownership of the tron, by offering him two notes, green-backs, and one note. State money, twonty dollars in all; that he told him he had mistaken he ama, and that he would take no money from him. Clitzen Andrew Forge, formerly a watchman on ocean steamers, testified that he heard officer Kellum say to citizen Pierce that if the latter would help him make five times as much. The whole case was one of veracity between the parties, and the Commissioners will have to decide it upon the merits.

when blows were given with a great deal of vigor. Officer Hennessy, of the Forty-third precinct, was attracted to the scene, and, in his ondeavors to quell the disturbance, was set upon by a cowardly set of ruffans, who struck him on the head with a stove cover in the hands of one of them, inflicting severe but not dangerous injuries. The officer succeeded, however, in arresting his principal assailant, who was yesterday taken before Justice Walsh, who committed the prisoner to await the action of the Grand Jury.

DEATH FROM A GUNSHOT WOUND. Daniel McIntyre died at the Brooklyn City Hospital yesterday from the effects of a pistol-shot wound which he accidentally re-cived on the abstraction of the coming from a ball in Williamsburg. TWENTY-THIRD REGIMENT PROBENADE CONCERT.

Another of the series of pronemade concerts to be given by the Twenty-third regiment, N. G., S. N. Y., will take place this evening at the Academy of Music. The concerts already given by the Twenty-third regiment have proved among the most agreeable musical enter-tainments of the season, and infinitely more entertaining than the affiles given by the now defunct opera troupe. There will no doubt be a good attendance of the lovers of fine music and devotees of Terpsichore.

THE KINGS COUNTY REPUBLICAN GENERAL COM-

THE KINGS COUNTY REPUBLICAN GENERAL COM-MITTER.

The closing meeting of the Republican General Com-mittee took place on last Tuesday evening. The Executive Committee presented their finale report, setting forth that they had, during the past year, collect-ed the sum of seven thousand and fifty-six collect-ed the sum of seven thousand and fifty-six collect-disbursed six thousand one hundred and fifty-seven dollars, leaving a balance on hand of eight hundred and seventy-nine dollars. After transacting other business the committee adjourned size dis. The new committee will hold its first meeting on the 2d proximo.

The Publishers of Dickens' Complete Works Controversy-Important to the Book Trade.
UNITED STATES CIRCUIT—IX SQUITY.

DEC 27.—Sheldon & Co. operate H. O. Houghton.—In this case, which was argued before Judge Shipman a few days ago, on a motion to appoint a receiver to continue the manufacture, publication and sale of the works of Dickens, the plaintif claiming a trade right and good will in the same beyond the term set forth in the contract in the case, Judge Shipman yesterday rendered his decision in favor of the defendant.

His Honge briefly reviewed the principalialization of

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His Honor briefly reviewed the principaliallegation of the plaintiff's bill, the first allegation setting forth that, by the custom of the trade, where any person or firm engaged in that business has undertaken the printing, publication and sale of a book not the subject of statute copyright, and has actually printed, published and offered an edition of such book for sale to the public, other persons and firms in the same trade having respect to the trade priority, so acquired in the publication and sale of such book or the particular edition thereof, refrain from entering into competition with such publisher by publishing such book in a rival edition, &c. It was talso avowed in the bill "that such custom in a reasonable one," &c. The bill then sets forth that prior to 1861 one O. W. Wright projected the publication of a uniform edition of the works of Charlest Dickens, and contracted therefor with W. A. Townsond & Co. and with the defendant Houghton for the manufacture of stereotyps plates from which to print the same. Townsend was succeeded in the business by Jas. G. Gregory, subsequent to which Wright, it salleged, soid and transferred to the defendant Houghton the good will and right of publication, under the custom of the trade as aforesaid. On the 27th December Houghton entered into a contract with 'he plaintiffs, Sheldon & Co., to publish on extract with 'he plaintiffs, Sheldon & Co., to publish we work in Now York, on equal terms as to the profits and expenditures. The contract, with all us conditions, was to be binding for three years, and thereafter until one party should have given to the other one year's notice in writing, signifying a wish to annul the contract fac. It was averred by plaintiffs that by force of the contract they became partners in the business of publishing the edition in question; that the good will and right of publishing under the cont

pointment of a receiver to continue the manufacture and sale, &c., of the books in question under the said contract.

Judge Shipman, in referring to the merits of the case as set forth in the contract, said that, assuming that there was special, limited and peculiar partnership in the cuterprise, the question arose, what were the partnership assets upon which the court can bring its powers to bear for the purpose of protecting the interests of the partnership assets upon which the court can bring its powers to bear for the purpose of protecting the interests of the partnership acquired any title, either legal or equilable, to any corporal property about which any dispute has arisen. The stereotype plates and the copyrights thereto are clearly the sole property of the defendant, and that all right in their use in the interest of the plaintiffs must case on the 27th of December, when the partnership expires. The only asset which, on any view of the case, can be supposed to belong to the partnership is incorporeal—the good will. It this, under the peculiar circumstances of the c., 2, was to be deemed property capable of transfer and cases seed of value, its conveyance to the partnership, if it ever were conveyed, did not carry with it the prifting establishment of the defendant, nor that portion of it which was employed in printing these books, nor the copyright of the illustrations. The good will in the present case rests upon no right conferred by blainte. It certainly rests upon no onemon law of the country—it stands upon the mere will or courtesy of the trade. It is called a floustom" of the trade; but it is very far from being a legal custom, furnishing an inviolable title to property which courts can protect from invasion. I know of no way in which the publishers of the country can republish the works of a foreign author, and secure to themselves the exclusive right to such publication in any form of edition, except so far as new matter or illustrations are incorporated into it, and thus to that extent made

others.

The objection was sustained by the Court.

The case and examination of the witness were then adjourned to Friday week, at ten o'clock A. M.

First Trial for High Treason in Ten-

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(From the Knoaville Whig, Dec. 20.)

An imporiant trial came off last week in the Federal Court. John E. Gamble, of Blount county, was arraigned and tried for high treason against the United States, and after five days 'trial was nequitted by a jury. He was an enrolling officer during the days of the rebel rule, and enrolled the conscripts of his civil district. He was also appointed agent to collect guns, and performed some acts under that agency.

The defence was that there was no guilty intent. It was admitted that he was an enrolling officer, and that he enrolled the conscripts of his district, but it was denied that he did so with the view of aiding the rebellion. On the other hand, it was insisted by his counsel, O. P. Temple, that he was a Union man, that he accepted the office by the persuasion of Union men, exercised it in such a way as to favor Union men and protect them, and that, in fact, he never select a single gun, or put a single conscript into the rebel arms.

After the examination of about thirty witnesses and lengthy arguments on behalf of the government by C. W. Hail, District Atto ey of the United States, and O. P. Temple on behalf of the defendant, the jury were charged by Judge Trigs, and who, after retiring and consulting, returned a vertical of not guilty.

This case was novel and important, because it was the first regular trial for treason against the United States into the defendant that if he could be convicted three hundred known Union men in East Tennessee, who had held this and similar officer in the United States in the Markey seek of his fire and the first that has taken place in the United States that had over taken place in the United States that had over taken place in the United States in the Hundred known Union men in East Tennessee, who had held this and similar officer than the rebeliered and protected by ammestless and perdons.

The defence was based on the broad ground of not guilty in intent, and not on technical points. The

guilty in intent, and not on technical points. The defondant retased to apply for a pardon, because he insisted that he was never guilty of any crime to be pardoned.

Will of the Late Hom. Samuel D. Bradford, of Mess Roxbury, recently deceased, are Messra. Arthur N. Austin, of West Roxbury, and Pascall W. Tursey, of New York. The total amount of property-left by Mr. Bradford was \$1,500,000. This sum was bequeathed as tollows in his will dated January 12, 1861:—

To his wife, Julia Susan Bradford, all his household furniture, plate, jewelry (not otherwise bequeathed), his estate, dwelling, outbuildings, &c., in West Roxbury, and the income of the sum of \$300,000 during her life, with the testamentary disposal of \$50,000 of it.

To the Second Parish church in West Roxbury, \$10,000. To Mra Mary R. Bradford (widow of his late cousin), the sum of \$3,000.

To the child of his late cousin, John Bradford, \$4,000; Russell Bradford, of West Roxbury, \$5,000; Samuel Bradford of his late cousin, John Bradford, \$6,000.

To the Society for the Relief of Aged and Destitute Of a New York insurance company, \$3,000.

To the Society for the Relief of Aged and Destitute Of exempton, in Boston, \$5,000.

Simeon N. Dexter, of New York, \$3,000.

Harvard College, Cambridge, \$5,000, to be appropriated as the Board of Overseors see \$1.

Middleboro College, in Vermont, \$5,000.

Mrs. Anne Gray Turney, of New York, \$2,000.

The income of \$20,000 to his sinter, Haumab Bradford, during her life

F. Lathrop, of Boston, \$500; S. W. Buckingham \$600, W. D. Hall \$500, Janes Dewling \$600. The residue of his property—amounting to over \$1,000,000—he places under trust for his two sons, Samuel Dexter Bradford and J. Renry Bradford.

In two codelia dated April 11, 1864, and October 4, 1864, he bequeathed the income of \$10,000 more to his sister Hannah Bradford. Also \$10,000 more to his sister Hannah Bradford.

To Sarah and Robecca, daughters of the late J. Bradford, of Philadelphia, an additional sum of \$10,000 more to his sister Hannah Bradford. Also \$

Pestival of St. John the Evangelist. INTERESTING EXERCISES AT ST. JOHN'S CHAPSE.

The feast of St. John the Evangelust was c labrated in out the city yesterday morning, but it was more ciatiy celebrated at St. John's chapel, Varick street, two o'clock in the aftermon, where, in addition to tregular service of St. John's day, the children's analythms of stival was also petebrated.

At the hour appointed for the opening of the exercise the church editice was filled to repiction by the children's analythms of the Sanday, Parochial and Industrial schools attachto the chapel, some seventeen hundred in number of the Sanday, Parochial and Industrial schools attachto the chapel, some seventeen hundred in number of the chapel, some seventeen hundred in the floor of the charcel, the floor of the charcel, the floor of the chapel, some seventeen the tree were load with books, dolls, bonbons and toys of kinds, and beautifully illuminated with Chinese lander and many cologed globes; while underneath the tatoot tables laden with gifts and presents, of which a teeu hundred and forty-two had been prepared by incembers of the vestry. The ceremonies commens with the regular exercises of St. John's Day, which we conducted by the Rev. Drs. Dix and Howkand, the often singing choral responses and several Christmas car with good effect. An address was made to the children with grown of St. John, and giving them some good a useful advice. At the coaclusion of the regular exercise the gifts were distributed, and the fortunate ones depar with every appearance of happiness and thankfules. The Rev. Drs. Drs. yelsning the coming of Christe the mission of St. John, and giving them some good a useful advice. At the coaclusion of the regular exercise of the gifts were distributed, and the fortunate ones depar with every appearance of happiness and thankfules. The Rev. Drs. Drs. would be address the children, and Barnes were present during the ceremonies. Bis Potter, who was expected to address the children, and arrive until near the con cially celebrated at St. John's chapel, Varick street

ST. JOHN'S DAY IN BROOKLYN-MASONIC CELEBRA

The festival of St. John the Evangelist was celebrate yesterday by the Masonic Lodges of the Western district of Brooklyn by a grand promenade concert at the Academy of Misic, the proceeds from which goes to the relief of distressed widows and orphana and others when may need charitable assistance. The parquet of the Academy was floored over for the occasion. The attendance was very large and the affair interesting and graifying to those who attended. There was no decoration except the display of two American flags. One no feature on this occasion was a display of about two hundred fancy cages, in each of which was a littyellow canary bird, in various parts of the house Dodworth furnished the brass and string band. Whe they played an air the canary birds joined with the united song, which produced a novel and pleusing effect on the ear. During the evening a grand supper witurnished, understhe direction of the old Frankin Coff House, Maid a lane, New York. The amount realize from the proceeds of the sale of tickets was quite large and will materially recuperate the funds of the Board of Relief.

## Police Intelligence.

CHARGE OF BURGLARY.

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Burke, Sevari Vantori and Joseph Perazzi, were yesterday arrested by detective Wooldridge, of the Sixth precinct, on the charge of having forced an entrance to the second hand clothing store of Abraham Cohen, 84% Baxter street, and stealing a variety of clothing, money, &c., to the value of \$369 50. A portion of the stoten goods being found in the possession of the prisoners, Justice Hogan committed them for examination. ARREST OF AN ALLEGED PUGITIVE FROM JUSTICE.

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Yesterday afternoon Mr. Thomas Harper, a resident of
Naugatuck, Conn., caused the arrest by officer McCarty,
of the Twenty-ninth precinct, of Joseph Burgoyne, on
the charge of stealing from him in Connecticut, on the
23d inst., sixteen sets of harness, silver plated spoons
and forks and a sewing machine, valued in all at over
five hundred dollars, and bringing the same to this city.
A portion of the goods were found secreted under the
prisoner's bed at the Albion Hotel, No. 117 Cedar street.
Burgoyne, who is a native of England, twenty-one years
of age, was taken before Justice Bodge and committed
for examination. A BURGLA CAUGHT. John Cookiey, a shoemaker, twenty-seven years of age, was arrested on Tuesday night, by officer Barnes,

George Petry, 236 Third avenue, which it is alleged he had forcibly entered and robbed of silverware valued at \$100. Cookley was formerly in the employ of Mr. Petry, and know where the silverware was kept. Justice Dodge committed the prisoner for trial in default of \$1,500 buil. he was in the act of escaping from the residence of Mr.

Officer McCloud, of the Thirteenth precinct, arre-James Logan and John Butler, canal beatmen, for o James Logan and John Butler, canal beatmen, for effec-ing to pass a counterfeit three dollar bill, purporting to be a genuine issue of the Jefferson County Bank, this State, to John G. Gundenkuntz, 153 Broome street, is pay-ment for lager beer. The character of the note was im-mediately detected. Another of the spurrous bills was found in Logan's possession. Justice Shandley detained the prisoners for examination.

AN ALTERED BILL.

Edward Reddy yesterdsy entered the saloon of John Edward Reddy yesterday entered the saloon of John Artin. No. 408 Sixth avenue, and in payment for refreshments tendered what appeared to be a twenty dollar bill on the Shoe and Leather Bank of this city. A close examination of the bill, however, showed that it had been altered from a genuine one dollar note on the same bank. Reddy was arrested and taken before Justice Dodge, and committed for trial.

THEFT OF CIGARS.

Two brothers, named George and Wm. Smith, were arrested by officer Dixon, of the Eighteenth precise, on of cigars from the premises of Mr. Simon Silverstein, No. 133 Suffolk street. Mr. Silverstein identified a portion of the cigars found in the prisoners' possession. Most of the stolen goods, it is alleged, have been taken to Philadelphia. Judge Dodge committed the prisoners for examination. the charge of having stolen nine hundred do

The Testimontal Dodge-How It is Man-

TO THE POITOR OF THE HERALD. It has been a custom for two or three years past, and one "more honored in the breach than the observance," to call upon the clerks in the several bureaus to present to this, that or the other head of the office or divis some testimonial at the end of the year, and the applica

some testimonial at the end of the year, and the application has been once made with the intimation that it would be to the advantage of the person applied to to respond to the call. This species of "black mail"—for it can be placed in no other category—is wrong in principle and worse in practice; and when it is known that the donations are asked from those least able to bear themmen who are struggling, with heavy encumbrances, it is simply extortion. If the recipients of those who have higher positions, larger salar-as and less encumbrances, it is simply extortion. If the recipients of those favors were known to be the most competent, one objection might be removed; but such is not always the fact. It is but too well known that the originators of those extortions are generally men who have "an axe to grind," and usually direct their charity and that of their dupes to those who they think can advance their position resarrless of efficiency.

The noble example set by our most worthy President about at least have an influence upon his subordinates. I allude to the instance of his refusing a present tendered him by gentlemen of New York.

Decisions by the Supreme Court, Special

Term.

By Judge Ingraham:—Joseph Keller vs. James B. Goggins. Motion denied. Frederick V. Hamilia and others vs. same. Motion denied, with \$10 costs. Louis Drey-

fous and others vs. same. Motion denied, with \$10 costs.
George Blies and others vs. same. Motion denied, with \$10 costs.
By Judge Leonard:—Charles L. Anthony et al. Motion denied, with \$10 costs for opposing, to abide event.
Mary Ott vs. John Ott. Report of referee confirmed, and judgment granted from bed and bord. Plaintif to have custody of children. George Blum vs. Anna Blum.
Report confirmed and judgment of divorce granted.

Internal Revenue in the New England

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The following are the amounts assessed in the New
England States for the facal year ending June 20,
1805.—

Maine. \$2,659.139 Rhode Island. 4,996,612

New Hampshire 2,686,890 Connecticut. 7,506,330

Vermont. 1,009,843

Massachusetts. 28,762,635 Total . . . . \$47,562,660

The Resul Raw Stonewall.—It is somewhat curious to solde, says the Army and Navy Journal, that the four-inch iron plate, twenty-seven inches wide by seven sections, with which the casemates of the rebol ram Stonewall are plated has the French trade mark of a rolling mill at Tours. Her guns and meshogany gun carriages are marked Sir Wm. Armstrong & Oo., Newcastle-upon-Tyne, England, and the dials or indicators in the casemates by which the motions of her machinery are regulated while the vessel is in action are marked in Danish. Although built in France she also has a pair of patent English anchor bits, which appear to be a very good pattern.

Lange Sale or Massachuserrs Scrip.—It is understood that Blake Brothers & Co., of Boston, have agreed to take two millions more of the State Sive per cent sorip as about 97 cents, which is four cents or so more than the market price, and is considered a good operation.—Baston Traveller, Dec. 26.

# MARRIAGES AND DEATHS.

Married.

Bowey-Holf.—On Christmas morning, December 28, in the First Congregational church at Pomfret, Conn., Y Rev. Walter S. Alexander, Hanky C. Bowes, of Brooking, N. Y., to Miss Ellin Holf, daughter of Hiram Holf, D., of Pomfret.

by Rev. Vallet S. Alexander, Ind. Adaghter of Hiram Holt, M. D., of Pomfret.

M. D., of Pomfret.

COOPER.—GREEN.—At Philadelphia, on Wednesday evening, December 20, by Rev. J. Sanders Reed, Mr. CRARLES I. COOPER, of Brooklyn, N. Y. to Miss Flora Green, adopted deughter of the late John Green, Eq., of Philadelphia.

CON.—CROOK.—In this city, on Christmas Day, December 25, by Rev. Thomas E. Vermilys, at the North Dutch church, corner of William and Fulton streets, Mr. Harray C. Cons to Manging C. CROOK, daughter of S. H. Crook, Eq., all of this city.

Dillow,—Lee.—On Thursday, December 21, by the Rev. Mr. Tuttie, Parking Dillow, of Shorbrook,—Cauada Rast, to Nellin M. Lee, of New York.

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ELLACTI—KEMP.—On Monday, December 25, by the Rev. Mr. Storm at the residence of the bridge's naceuta.